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S U R V E Y O R concerning the Fabrick of St. P A U L's.



HE Design of the present Work of the Cathedral of *St. Paul's* was begun upon a Plan approv'd by King *Charles* the Second, and ascertain'd by his Sign Manual, after several others had been prepared by the Surveyor, and some of much less Expence.

In pursuance of this; a Commission was granted under the Broad-Seal, and the Surveyor was then appointed for the Management of the Design thus fix'd, and other Officers were joyn'd to him for the more regular Accounting; they being a Check upon him, as he is upon them. And although the Act for Rebuilding the said Church, places the Power of Issuing out Moneys in the Three superior Commissioners, *viz.* the Lord Arch-Bishop of *Canterbury*, Lord Bishop of *London*, and Lord Mayor of *London*, or any two of them; yet they act in conjunction with the other Commissioners as to the direction of the Fabrick, and the Surveyor is wholly subject to their Orders accordingly.

Therefore it is not in the Surveyor's power to accelerate or retard the Work.

It cannot be supposed that the Work hath been slackned, since their Lordships have Advanced above 20000*l.* under their Hands and Seals (which they had power to do) and besides, the Workmen and Merchants have a greater Sum due at this time for Work and Materials.

The Surveyor's Allowance is 200*l.* *per Annum*, without Perquisites, and it was acknowledged by the Commissioners at the first Settlement, that it was too little for the pains and care he was perpetually to undergo, in preparing Contracts, Estimates, Designs of all parts for every Workman, and in Examining all the Bills and Accounts which make many thick Volumes in *Folio*; yet in a Publick and Charitable Work he chearfully acquiesced in that Allowance, and hopes he shall not be discouraged, but left to the Discretion of the Commissioners; since the greatness of the Design, and the present dearness of Materials is the cause of lengthening the time of Finishing, which will be now protracted also by reducing the Income

First, By the Present Debt and Interest.

Secondly, By one third part taken off for the *Orphans*.

Thirdly, By a sixth of the remainder for the *Abby*.

Fourthly, By a farther part, not exceeding a fifth of that Remainder, for some Parochial Churches not Perfected.

Fifthly, By an Allowance to the Church of *St. Thomas Southwark*.

All which Deductions so reduce the Income, that little above *one third* is left for *St. Paul's* of what used to be laid out upon it, so that for the future it cannot be expected to be carry'd on with like Expedition as it has been at the beginning, and yet as much or more trouble remains to the Surveyor, the Work being every Winter to be Covered.

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REASONS,

~~Against the Clause pass'd the
House of Commons, and
for the Amendments offer'd
to be consider'd by the Lords.~~